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Location: 714 Morgan Street, Boonville, Cooper County, Missouri

HISTORICAL AND ARCHITECTURAL INFORMATION

The following information was recorded by Alexander Piaget and Charles van Ravenswaay at the time the photograph was taken:

Built 1855 by Henry Brant, son of Col. Joshua Brant of St. Louis and grand-nephew of Senator Thomas Hart Benton. Demolished ca. 1969. Henry Brant accompanied Fremont on his trip to the West in 1842 (see, Fremont's Report, p.10). 1871 photograph made before the side gallery was built and doors and windows on the west wall added. The Brant House appears to be a typical St. Louis house of the period. Local tradition says that Major Harley for the bride and groom when they moved to Boonville [sic]. Thomas Hart Benton, a near relative, may have visited here. An old Boonville legend concerns a "headless horse" or, more probably, "horseman" which is said to haunt the roof of the house.

PROJECT INFORMATION

The Piaget-van Ravenswaay Survey consists of a number of photographs, primarily of sites and structures in Missouri, which were taken before 1938 by Alexander Piaget and after that by Paul Piaget, both in conjunction with Charles van Ravenswaay. Photographs of buildings were incorporated into the HABS collection in 1985 by Laura Rupp and in 1986 by Deborah Fulton, HABS historians. A master list is available in the ~~MO-1800~~ records for MO-1800.